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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: INDIA'S PERFORMANCE ON KOREA AND  
PUERTO RICO

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1. REFTELS REQUEST OUR CONFIRMATION OF FACT OF INDIAN  
RESERVATIONS ON PUERTO RICO (POLITICAL DECLARATION) AND  
KOREA (RESOLUTION, NOT THE POLITICAL DECLARATION).
2. NO CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN ISSUED AS OF COB  
AUGUST 23 RECORDING ANYONE'S RESERVATION ON ANYTHING. IT  
IS NOT YET CLEAR IF, WHEN AND HOW, SUCH RESERVATIONS WILL  
BE PUBLISHED, ALTHOUGH FELIX DIAS BANDARANAIKE, WHO PRESIDED  
OVER THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING, GAVE HIS "SOLEMN WORD"  
IN THEIR SESSION OF AUGUST 19 THAT RESERVATIONS, ORAL AND  
WRITTEN, WOULD BE PROPERLY RECORDED. WE SHALL HAVE TO WAIT  
AND SEE, AND DEPT MAY BE ASSURED WE WILL REPORT RECORDED RESERVATIONS  
AS SOON AS WE CAN VERIFY THEIR ISSUANCE.

3. HAVING SAID THAT, WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN THE LAST  
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AUGUST 19, INDIA AT ONE POINT MADE THE SUGGESTION THAT

TO SAVE TIME THE WHOLE NORTH KOREAN DRAFT RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED WITH THE VARIOUS DELEGATIONS BEING ALLOWED TO EXPRESS THEIR RESERVATIONS. INDIA WAS SAID TO BE ONE WHICH SO RESERVED, AT THIS POINT. THIS WAS ONLY IN A CLOSED DRAFTING COMMITTEE MEETING.

4. LATER, AT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING THAT NIGHT TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT POLITICAL DECLARATION AND RESOLUTIONS, THE OFT-REPORTED SCENE OCCURRED AT WHICH A NUMBER OF ORAL RESERVATIONS WERE EXPRESSED. THERE, INDIA'S REPRESENTATIVE, PRESUMABLY FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN, ROSE TO STATE AMIDST THE HUBBUB THAT IT SEEMED NO CONSENSUS IN FACT EXISTED ON THE NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION, AND SUGGESTED THAT THE WHOLE MATTER BE REFERRED BACK TO THE NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING BUREAU FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. THIS IS WHAT THE CHAIR DID WITH THE MALAYSIA-LAOS DISPUTE OVER THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN PEACE ZONE PROPOSAL OF MALAYSIA, THUS EFFECTIVELY KILLING THE PROPOSAL FOR THIS CONFERENCE. UNFORTUNATELY, FELIX BANDARANAIKE FAILED TO TAKE THE INDIAN SUGGESTION WITH REGARD TO KOREA, AND INSTEAD ANNOUNCED THAT THE KOREAN RESOLUTION WOULD BE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS, WITH EACH AND EVERY RESERVATION TO BE RECORDED, ORAL OR WRITTEN.

OUR IMPRESSION WAS THAT THIS WAS A HASTY DECISION, TAKEN UNDER SOME STRESS.

5. A QUICK SCANNING OF OUR NOW RATHER FULL FILES FAILS TO REVEAL ANY SPECIFIC INDIAN POSITION ON PUERTO RICO, BEYOND SUPPORT FOR A YUGOSLAV AMENDMENT, THE NATURE OF WHICH WE DO NOT HAVE.

6. SINCE BOTH KATZEN AND HINES, WHO HAVE EXCELLENT RECOLLECTIONS OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH DELEGATES, HAVE DEPARTED POST, AND SINCE THE DEPARTMENT HAS ACCESS TO ALL REPORTING, OF WHATEVER KIND, FROM COLOMBO, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF INDIVIDUAL INQUIRIES OF OTHER POSTS FOR POST MORTEMES ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DELEGATIONS COULD BE DIRECTED TO AND COMMENTED UPON BY THE DEPARTMENT. AS MENTIONED ABOVE, WE WILL PROMPTLY REPORT ANY WORD ON CONFIDENTIAL

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RESERVATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE A MATTER OF RECORD IN CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS.

7. UNTIL THE FINAL CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS ARE ISSUED IN DEFINITIVE FORM, DEPT MAY WISH TO DELAY DISTRIBUTION OF KUDOS TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES, AT LEAST IN ANY FORMAL WAY.  
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